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Sir:

This is in response to the office action mailed on March 15, 2002.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend claims 1 and 10 such that the results are as follows:

1) (amended once) A progress monitor comprising:

a progress area used to indicate the progress of a process being monitored;

a progress indicator that progressively divides the progress area into a first part of the progress area and a second part of the progress area, where the first part of the progress area corresponds to the amount of completion of the process being monitored;

information, in addition to the progress of the process, becoming visible in the first part of the progress area as the first part of the progress area becomes larger.

10) (amended once) A method of reveling information by a progress monitor during the